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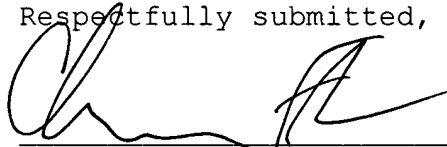
REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful review and examination of the present application. The Official Action included no confirmation of consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the application. In case these materials have become separated from the Examiner's file, enclosed is a copy of the originally filed IDS, copies of the non-U.S. patent references, and the return postcard indicating receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner's rejections of the claims under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting and the provisional double patenting rejections are overcome by the submission of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

Applicants believe that this application is now in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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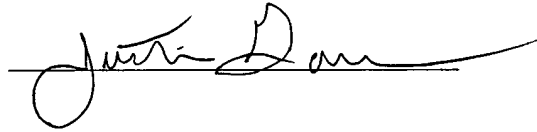
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